

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the fifth full paragraph at page 27 with the following amended paragraph:

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The term "heteroaryl group" encompasses a pyridyl group, a thiazolyl group, an isothiazolyl group, a thiadiazolyl group, a pyrazolyl group, an imidazolyl group, a furyl group (including a 2-furyl group and a 3-furyl group), a thienyl group (including a 2-thienyl group and a 3-thienyl group), an oxazolyl group, an isoxazolyl group, a pyrrolyl group (including a 1-pyrrolyl group, a 2-pyrrolyl group and a 3-pyrrolyl group, preferably a 1-pyrrolyl group), a triazolyl group, an isoxazolyl group, a pyrimidinyl group, a pyriazinyl group, a pyridazinyl group, a quinolinyl group, an isoquinolinyl group, a benzofuranyl group, a benzothiazolyl group and a benzothienyl group.

Please replace the third full paragraph at page 46 with the following amended paragraph:

A mixture of 2-(4-methoxycarbonylbenzyl)phenol (250 mg, 1.03 mmol), methanol (1.0 mL) and 2M NaOH (4.0 mL) was stirred at 75°C for 1 hour. After cooling on ice, the reaction mixture was adjusted to pH 3.0 with 1M hydrochloric acid. The resulting precipitates were extracted with ethyl acetate, and the organic phase was washed with saturated aqueous sodium chloride and then dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate. After the solvent was distilled off under reduced pressure, the resulting residue (230 mg) was diluted with tetrahydrofuran (10 mL), followed by addition of N-O-dimethylhydroxyamineN, O-dimethylhydroxyamine-hydrochloride (301 mg), triethylamine (0.456 mL), water (0.5 mL),

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WSC HC1 (296 mg) and HOBT (210 mg). After stirring at room temperature for 2

hours, saturated aqueous $NaHCO_3$ was added to the reaction mixture. The mixture was

extracted twice with ethyl acetate, and the combined organic phases were washed with saturated

aqueous sodium chloride and dried over anhydrous magnesium sulfate.

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